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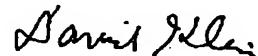
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Abstract of EP1166724

Interim prosthesis section comprises a spherical head (2), an associated artificial or natural socket, and a thin, longitudinal support member (3) fixed to the head. The spherical head is made of a bone cement. The support member consists of metal or plastic.

Abstract of EP0853928

The implant is eg. for a hip joint. It is composed of two components (11,12) held together by a plastics clamping ring (15,16), in a force fit. The clamping ring is inhomogeneous in the peripheral and-or axial direction. It has hollow zones formed by drilling into the material or alternatively it is solid with different stiffness zones.

Abstract for FR2106998 is the abstract of corresponding patent US3707006

Prosthetic devices for repair or replacement of bone structure in a living body, and methods of orthopedic repair which employ such devices. The orthopedic devices comprise a substrate and a pyrolytic carbon coating on the substrate, which pyrolytic carbon coating is compatible with living tissue and which has a density of at least about 1.5 grams per cubic centimeter. Examples of suitable substrates are those which have a modulus of elasticity approximating that of natural bone such as polycrystalline carbon, and fiber aggregates such as carbon fiber aggregates and refractory wire metal screens. The pyrolytic carbon coating of the orthopedic devices may be polished to provide an effective wear surface, while the surface roughness of the as-deposited coating may be employed to achieve a bond with natural bone tissue. The pyrolytic carbon coating is preferably isotropic and may be doped with a suitable carbide-forming element, such as silicon, to provide additional structural strength and wear resistance.

Abstract of GB1573608

A prosthetic hip cup assembly comprising an inner cup of resilient material capable of being snapped on to a partspherical prosthetic femoral head, and a substantially rigid outer cup having a blind bore for receiving the inner cup to inhibit the inner cup from stretching over the femoral head and separating therefrom, an annular recess being provided adjacent the open end of the bore on the inside of the outer cup, and a corresponding annular protuberance being provided on the outer surface of the inner cup, the blind end of the bore in the outer cup being part-spherical and concentric with a part-spherical outer surface of the outer cup, and the inner cup having a corresponding part-spherical outer end face which is concentric with a part-spherical recess for accommodating the part-spherical femoral head.

Abstract of WO0124739

A modular acetabular bearing assembly which minimizes or eliminates the production of wear debris resulting from relative motion at the interface between the acetabular shell and bearing insert portions of the modular acetabular bearing assembly. The modular acetabular bearing assembly includes an acetabular shell and composite bearing insert. The composite bearing insert includes an endoskeleton and a polymer layer which is preferably molded into and locked within the endoskeleton. The endoskeleton is configured to be locked within the acetabular shell. As such, the modular acetabular bearing assembly, and its

method of manufacture, eliminate all contact between any polymer surface on the composite bearing insert and any metal surface on the acetabular shell. The modularity of the assembly facilitates the interchangeability of various composite bearing inserts within an acetabular shell which is fixed to the acetabulum of a patient. This provides for various advantages, including the ability to use a central screw to fix the acetabular shell to a patient.

Abstract of FR2765100

The prosthesis consists of an acetabular cup (1) with a polymer liner (7) having a hemispherical cavity (9) to receive a rotary spherical head (11) connected to a bone diaphysis implant (10). The head is held in place in the cup by a fixed retaining ring (13) with a truncated conical recess (17) having its larger end facing towards the cavity. The retaining ring recess receives a deformable split locking ring (20) with an outer surface of matching shape. The height (h) of the locking ring is smaller than that (H) of the recess, enabling it to occupy two different positions - one next to the cavity, in which the ring is expanded to allow the head to be inserted, and the other at the smaller end of the recess, where the ring is contracted and prevents the head from being extracted.